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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE BOAT CASE REFUGEES

1. CONSUL GENERAL WAS CALLED TO MOFA JUNE 15 BY ROK
CONSULAR OFFICIALS SEEKING SOME GUARANTEE FROM U.S. THAT
VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ON M.V. JOHN MCCONE WOULD EVENTUALLY BE
TAKEN OFF THEIR HANDS IF ALLOWED TO LAND IN KOREA. CONSUL
GENERAL EXPLAINED U.S. PROCEDURES, THAT AFTER THOROUGH
SCREENING, INS WOULD CONSIDER CONDITIONAL ENTRY FOR CLOSE
RELATIVES OF PERSONS ALREADY IN U.S. (CATEGORY I), FORMER
U.S. EMPLOYEES (CATEGORY II) AND HIGH RISK SUBJECTS
(CATEGORY III). EXPLAINED SCREENING PROCEDURES COULD
TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS AND NECESSITY TO WAIT FOR ELIGIBILITY
DATE. NOTED THAT JAPAN HAD ALREADY ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY
FOR SOME 400 REFUGEES, WHO WERE NOW BEING SCREENED BY
U.S., CANADA, FRANCE AND LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

2. CANADIAN AND FRENCH EMBASSIES ALSO WERE APPROACHED
BY ROK RE GUARANTEES, BUT NONE GIVEN OTHER THAN THAT
THEY WOULD EXAMINE REQUESTS FOR REFUGE.

3. SHIP DUE LAND JUNE 15 WITH 38 REFUGEES. THERE ARE
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SIX FAMILIES INCLUDIN 18 MEN, 11 WOMEN, AND 9 CHILDREN.
ACCORDING TO MASTER OF VESSEL 28 WISH TO GO TO U.S., 6
TO FRANCE AND 4 TO CANADA.

4. MOFA HAS REQUESTED ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO SEEK
GUARANTEE FROM U.S. REGARDING EVENTUAL ACCEPTANCE OF
REFUGEES. DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO ALLOW REFUGEES

TO LAND RESTS WITH MINISTRY OF JUSTICE.
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